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CALIFORNIA WOMEN THINK EDUCATION SUFFRAGE NEED

"Votes for Women" Cause Can Be Attained Only by Sincere Work

The fact that woman suffrage has been overlooked by both the Republican and Democratic parties in selecting planks for their platform is not taken very seriously by the women of California, who are inclined to think either that the time is not ripe for such distinguished recognition or that the respective parties are the losers. And the disappointment of the women of the East especially those who marched in the Baltimore suffrage parade immediately preceding the Democratic convention, without attracting its attention, does not appear to be shared by the women of the West, though the reason is assumed to be due not so much to the superior philosophy as to the fact that the West did not have its feelings hurt by such lack of gallantry.

Mrs. J. W. Orr, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, said that she had formed no opinion of the political slight, as she had failed to observe it. She did not think it as significant as the fact that suffrage was not endorsed by the women's late convention, when the General Federation of Women's Clubs held its biennial in this city.

The oversight on the part of the men has been ascribed to mere carelessness, inadvertence or preoccupation has been going on at both conventions. But Mrs. Orr's views on the attitude of the women's convention, which have crystallized after much thought, are more or less applicable. Mrs. Orr states that she believes the time has not yet come when all the women from all parts of the country were prepared for the task, and thinks some such apprehension may have animated the Republicans and the Democrats, who, perhaps, feel a delicacy about paying the women any attention for which they are not prepared.

Time Not Yet Ripe. Neither has Mrs. Clarence Grange, an ardent suffragist, given much time to an analysis of the deductions of the Republican and Democratic parties, but feels no regret whatever that woman's suffrage was not included in the platform of either. "I was on the reception committee of the biennial," Mrs. Grange said, "and had an opportunity to study the women of the East many of whom are of the conservative type—that is totally unprepared for suffrage. I realized then that it must be a matter of education among women themselves before they will receive the gift, but I believe that it is also a trend of evolution and is bound to come. As for my own feeling about the attitude of the two political parties," Mrs. Grange said in conclusion, "I never would want anything from a man or a convention of men that I had to fight for. I prefer to wait until the political parties give us recognition as our right, and not to pry us because we have demanded it."

Mrs. Lillian Harris Coffin and Mrs. A. W. Cornwall have not expressed an opinion as to the omission of a woman's suffrage plank in the political parties, but concerning the attitude of the women's convention to suffrage were convinced that not only the psychological moment, but the psychological method of procedure, had not yet been evolved.

Mme. Emilia Tojetti, who was known to be a radical during the days when suffrage was making biennial history, had not only observed the oversight on the part of the political parties when preparing their platforms, but had come to a definite conclusion in regard to it.

Men Narrow-Minded. "I think the men of the country have manifested an extremely narrow-minded policy," she said, "by not recognizing us and giving us the opportunity to join them in their work of making the laws of the country. I think the present is always the right time to do a thing that must be done, and I cannot see that anything is to be gained by temporizing. If this time is not the psychological moment I cannot see who is to say what time will be, or who will be considered capable or recognizing the moment when it arrives. But the Democrats and Republicans will be the losers by their failure to recognize us and will be the ones to regret their narrow-minded policy."

Concerning the effect of a woman's suffrage plank in any new party that may be formed, Mrs. J. W. Orr, the State president, expressed the opinion that it might increase the Roosevelt vote in California, where the women have been so recently enfranchised that they are susceptible to flattery, but in the four states that have had suffrage for a number of years she said she thought the women had been sufficiently trained not to permit a mere campaign move to influence their political convictions.

CLOTH COVERS

Squares of hemmed cheesecloth kept in the kitchen or pantry drawers will be found useful to put over bowls or pitchers containing soup, milk, etc., or to throw over a cold roast before putting it away. Of course the cloths should be fastened snugly over the kept with the pile of cloths will be found more convenient than string for this purpose.—Winnipeg Free Press.

FROCK WITH A PANIER SKIRT

The new panier skirt has no fullness over the hips and the prevailing straight lines of the season are preserved. The one illustrated can be treated in two distinctly different ways. It can be closed at the front and finished with a wide-shaped band, or it can be left open and finished with a narrow band and frill of lace. Beneath it is a simple two-piece skirt and the finish can be made at either the high or the natural waistline.

This gown is adapted to dinners and occasions of the kind and the blouse is draped to give lovely soft folds. The entire gown is made of crepe metecore with trimming of lace and embroidery of beads on the blouse portion.

The skirt is short. If liked, it can be made with a train, or if a simpler gown is wanted, it can be made with a high neck and long sleeves.

The panier seems especially well adapted to the soft silk, but it need not be confined to them for it can be made of chiffon or any of the other soft materials. The blouse and panier, made of changeable silk voile over a skirt of satin, would be lovely.

For the medium size, the blouse will require 2-3/4 yards of material 27 or 36, or 1-1/2 yards 44 inches wide, with 1-2 yard of allover lace and 1 yard of banding; the foundation skirt will require 3 yards 27, or 2-1/4 yards 36 or 44 inches wide with 2 yards of banding 4 inches wide.

Notable Woman of Diplomacy



MRS. EDUARDO SUARZES, wife of the Ambassador from Chile to the United States.

DAINTY SHADES FOR CANDLES

There is something unquestionably fascinating about candlelight. Its soft mellow glow diffuses just enough brightness to hide the crude points and accentuate the artistic.

An undefinable charm permeates a room lighted by candles. During colonial days, when they were the only means of lighting, our ancestors experienced little discomfort in doing everything by candlelight.

There was a sweet dignity possessed by the ladies of that period; beneath the golden radiance of the tall candle that became stately.

An atmosphere of genial hospitality and friendliness is established at a dinner party enjoyed by the light of candles.

When the guests assemble in the living-room lighted only by softly-shaded candles, a feeling of contented peacefulness and harmony places every one at ease. A song sung by candlelight has a beauty entirely its own. One can not quite forget it. The memory lingers until the end of time.

In the bedroom candles add a touch of daintiness and beauty which is always desirable. Attractive shades for candles can be made easily. Any one who uses water-colors and draws fairly well will experience little difficulty.

A pair of candlesticks on either side of the piano gives a decided touch of the artistic to the music-room. A flower design is pretty and most effective.

The dainty rose-shade is appropriate for the drawing-room. Paint the roses any of the pastel colors, and the latticework may be lined with gold. Narrow gold fringe daintily finishes the bottom of the shade.

For the guestroom nothing could be in better taste than a daisy design. Personal taste as to coloring may be consulted. The candleshade should match the design of the draperies and upholstery.

Forget-me-nots effectively arranged make a lovely shade for the young girl's room, to be used as a desk light.

Narrow crystal fringe borders the scalloped edge of the shade.

These dainty shades make acceptable gifts for all occasions, and their inexpensiveness should recommend them.—New York Press.

A NEW SCARF

Three board bands of heavy lace, one of fine net and one of colored chiffon, make up the smartest looking, long, flat scarf which has been brought out in a long time. The chiffon band, which is the widest of the collection, is finished about the edges with hemstitching and veiled, as far as the stitching, with a band of fine net, through the center of which is run a six-inch band of heavy lace. The effect is at once soft and rich, as the lace and the net sufficiently tone down the coloring of the chiffon foundation. The scarf is charming when made up in white lace and black net with pomegranate, bright green, Dutch blue or orange chiffon, and for a middle-aged woman it is lovely in shades of gray or taupe. If needed solely for evenings, the broad bands of lace might be of silver or gold and the other materials white or black, but this scarf design is not pretty when mounted on any material thicker than chiffon.

THE PEARL CAP

Everyone wears a headdress of some kind nowadays, such as the modern coiffure demands, and there are few women who do not look supremely well in the little lattice-work Dutch cap which fits right on to the crown of the head with its coils and waves of the hair breaking very becomingly from underneath.

WASHABLE BELTS

Washable belts are delightfully practical notions, says the New York Times. They come in white pique of broad line matching the newest skirts and in colored linen of many tints. The white belts have a small pocket or sashbag very useful for change and a little pocket handkerchief. The belts are narrow in width, and their cost is 50 cents. The leather and silk belts are also much worn, and come in every shade and several widths.

SIMPLE STYLES

Undyed tussore is used for a number of cool, light suits of the tailor-made description, while for a simple summer frock for morning wear, which has almost the severity of a tailor-made but which is ideal for a young girl of no matter what nationality, is of thin cotton material with Pekin stripe, viz., equal stripes of red and white and blue and white. This is made up in one piece, the seams being corded in some contrasting color, red upon black, black upon blue or green, and green upon blue.

The corsage has a kimono top or yoke corded all round with the color, and the long seam is set in a few inches from the shoulder with the same cord or piping. At the foot of the skirt there are two deep tucks or two flat bands cut on the cross, while a narrow varnished leather belt marks the waist. This kind of simple frock is just as pretty, however, in sprigged or figured muslin, which will be much worn this summer at all fashionable assemblies.

Many of the automobile bonnets are fastened under the chin by velvet ribbons. The effect usually is very becoming. When a veil is worn it usually contrasts with the hat.

FEMININE CHAT

Add a few asparagus tips to the cup of consommé. They are tasty and serve for a garnish.

A piece of sandpaper is of the greatest help in removing stains and food from cooking utensils.

No matter how good a silk it is will not stand having soap rubbed upon it and hot water is equally injurious.

It is well to remember that mercerized cottons, especially the white, wash better than embroidery silks.

In fixing potatoes for salad it is well to cook them with the skins on. There is less danger of their being soggy.

Extension gates for the top of the stairs or the piazza steps are inexpensive, and so simple that they may be easily adjusted.

It is well to rinse out a saucepan in which milk is to be cooked with cold water. This is a help toward preventing the milk from sticking to the pan.

Papyrus dishes and plates come in various sizes, and, in packages of 100, are quite inexpensive. These simplify housekeeping in warm weather.

Cold water and soap are as efficacious for removing machine oil spots as any mediums. If by and chance the stains still persist, try rubbing with turpentine, as one would paint.

The small child's dining table, with the drop leaves, occupies but little space when closed—a feature that commends itself to many a would-be purchaser.

New hosiery comes in the prettiest of pastel shades and the fastidious woman finds no difficulty in matching even the most unusual shade of her frock.

The iron pans for bread sticks, which come with six or a dozen molds, are just the thing for simple sponge cake or cup cakes, to be used in making charlotte russe.

There is nothing better for freshening a dusty straw hat, especially a black one, than scouring it well with denatured alcohol. A brush or piece of absorbent cotton may be used for the work.

In cooking tomatoes a good rule for seasoning is to add to a quart can a level teaspoonful each of salt and sugar and a tablespoonful of butter. A little onion is liked by some, and so are bread crumbs.

To cook canned corn without burning, remove the paper from the can and put in the teakettle to boil for 15 minutes. Then open and pour the corn into a hot buttered dish. Season with a dash of salt and pepper and a little cream.

HONOLULU GIRLS HAVE NOVEL IDEAS FOR BRIDAL SHOWERS

Although most of the engaged girls of the season have become brides there are still several who in the early fall will go to the mainland to be married. The kitchen and the china showers have been used so much that one really hesitates before giving one, and if the bride-to-be is to travel before her wedding, kitchen utensils are rather awkward to pack. The other day one of the Honolulu girls gave a delightfully novel boudoir shower for a friend and a group of young ladies gathered together to shower upon her numerous dainty articles for her bedroom. There were boudoir caps, dressing saques, bureau runners, bedroom slippers and many other pretty things that a bride loves. Another shower that would be most acceptable to the traveling bride is one of gifts that are useful, both on the train and on the steamer. To one who is going away the linen shower is also very practicable, for linen can be packed, and one can never acquire too much of it.

AT THE BALTIMORE CONVENTION



BALTIMORE—John I. Martin, the sergeant-at-arms of the Democratic national convention, has held his position for twenty years and has been in charge of all Democratic conventions since 1896. He is a practicing lawyer in St. Louis and has been a speaker in all Democratic campaigns since 1876. Chairman Norman E. Mack of the national committee and Thomas Taggart, national committeeman from Indiana, brought their wives with them. The wives of these two noted politicians have been friends for years and have met before at conventions.

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